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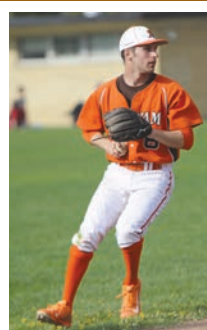
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# Relay For Life raises nearly \$90K

By Mike Lydick  
Turley Publications  
Correspondent

AGAWAM – The threat of torrential rain failed to dampen spirits at the third annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Agawam that raised nearly \$90,000 – far exceeding its \$70,000 goal – to help people diagnosed with cancer.

“It’s a pretty impressive turnout despite the gloomy weather,” said Feeding Hills resident Wayne Ball, one of the nearly 600 participants. A member of Team Nonna, he came to support his mother-in-law, a bladder cancer survivor.

For 16 hours this past weekend – from the opening ceremony at 6 p.m. Friday to the final lap at 10 a.m. Saturday – participants walked or ran around the sports track at Agawam High School. They celebrated life, remembered



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Agawam native Carla Rosati, far left, who has been cancer-free for 22 years, was among 70 cancer survivors who marched around the track at Agawam High School last Friday, May 16, to kick off the 2014 Relay For Life of Agawam.

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## Outstanding Agawam teachers honored for excellence

By Mike Lydick  
Turley Publications  
Correspondent

AGAWAM – Dawn Winiarski enjoys helping people. More specifically, the Agawam teacher loves connecting with her students so she can help them to navigate the “rough waters” of middle school.

Winiarski’s dedication to her students was recognized recently when she was one of five Agawam teachers honored with an award that celebrates excellence in education. Winiarski received a 2014 Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award along with 140 teachers from 35 different school systems in Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties.

The annual program, which began in 2003, recognizes teachers selected by their peers and administrators. Teachers received \$500  
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**Arlene Willett, a reading teacher at Robinson Park Elementary School for the past 14 years, said “it’s wonderful” to be recognized with a 2014 Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award.**

## Council approves first reading of mixed-use zone change

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
Turley Publications  
Correspondent

AGAWAM – Town residents learned Monday night that their voices can make a difference.

On Monday, the Agawam City Council took a unanimous vote in the first of a two-step process to approve a zoning ordinance change.

Approximately 19 properties will be changed from various

zones to a Mixed-Use Business Zone C, a zoning proposal that was brought forward more than three months ago and turned town by the city council with only six of the 11 councilors voting in favor. An ordinance requires eight affirmative votes for passage.

This time around, the Planning Department was flanked by numerous supports of the zone change, including a potential purchaser of the Games and Lanes property that has been the main eyesore of the

Walnut Street Extension area.

Scott Petlock, owner of New England Go-Cart Events, says he wants to restore the Games and Lanes property back into a prominent piece of real estate. He will propose opening an indoor go-kart track along with other activities in the form of an entertainment center. Games and Lanes previously served that use.

Petlock says he is interested in spending the funds needed to clean

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## Council will vote on FY ‘15 budget next month

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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Correspondent

AGAWAM – Budget proposals have been finalized and will now move to the final step of approval as the Agawam City Council must vote to adopt the fiscal year 2015 budget next month.

This week, the council mapped out their schedule to work through, hear and approve the budget. The budget must be approved by June 30 in order for it to be in place to start the next fiscal year.

Council President Christopher Johnson received the consensus

of the council to hold workshops on the budget on June 2 and June 9. The council will meet regularly on June 2 for business. They will hold a special workshop meeting on June 9 to continue reviewing the budget.

The council will then meet on Monday, June 23, and will hold a public hearing to approve the budget. The council normally meets on the third Monday of each month, but with two workshops scheduled, they agreed to take the week of June 16 off and proceed to the June 23 date.

The council will wait two weeks from their workshops in

order to have questions answered by the mayor or appropriate town or school departments and any adjustments made before holding a public hearing to approve the spending package.

The proposed FY ‘15 operating budget is \$81,320,474. Of that amount, 51 percent will go to the public schools. The school budget is proposed at \$39,952,524. The police budget for 2015 is proposed at \$5,035,250, and the fire department has a \$3,910,857 budget proposal.

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For students from the Mary Ann School of Dance in Agawam, Springfield's annual pancake breakfast isn't complete without a studio performance. Mary Ann dancers have been part of the breakfast since its inception 38 years ago, and the dancers look forward to entertaining the community every year. A new twist this year was the public kick-line, which was choreographed by the Mary Ann Studio of Dance.

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## Memorial Day observance schedule

AGAWAM – The town will observe Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, with the following schedule of ceremonies.

7:20 a.m.: Vietnam Bridge with the West Springfield Veterans' Council

7:45 a.m.: American Legion Post 185, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills

8 a.m.: Springfield Street Cemetery

8:20 a.m.: Granger School in Feeding Hills Center

8:40 a.m.: South Westfield Street Cemetery  
9 a.m.: Agawam Center Cemetery (across from St. John's Church on Main Street)  
10:30 a.m.: The Memorial Day Parade will begin at town hall and march down Main Street to Veterans' Green with a ceremony to follow. The assembly point is the Roberta G. Doering School.

# Boldyga secures school safety grant for Agawam

**AGAWAM** – State Representative Nicholas Boldyga was successful in securing a \$75,000 school safety grant for the town of Agawam during the House budget process. This grant will help with security updates that are being made to Agawam's schools. This was a positive note since Legislators were not able to advocate for a bulk of local aid initiatives during the budget process because of an unprecedented political move by the majority party that denied most local aid amendments from being put forward. Rep. Boldyga's reaction was especially positive.

"I'm glad this hard work paid off for Agawam," he said. "This grant will allow administrators to take additional steps to make our schools more secure. I'm committed to ensuring an exceptional and safe education for our kids. As a father of two young children, they're always on my mind, and I want all of our children to feel safe and be safe while at school."

Several other educational commitments were made during the budget process that will benefit Agawam such as the funding of an AP Math and Science Program and Chapter 70 funding. The amendment for AP Math and Science provides \$2.6 million to the Commonwealth, a \$600,000 increase over the House Ways and Means appropriation. This funding is focused on increasing partic-

ipation and performance in AP courses. The House budget also includes an increase of roughly \$100 million for educational funding (Chapter 70) over last year. This increase in Chapter 70 aid will keep school districts at foundation levels of spending and guarantees a minimum increase of \$25 per pupil for every district. The House put an emphasis on higher education investments for the Commonwealth's public education institutions.

“This year’s budget highlights the House’s ongoing commitment to strengthening our educational systems which, in turn, will bolster communities and provide residents with a competitive edge,” Boldyga said. “We increased funding for the UMass system, promoting our common goal of freezing tuition rates and fees.”

"It's absolutely crucial to keep our state universities and community colleges affordable for our residents," he continued. "It's becoming increasingly difficult for parents and families to send their children on to four-year educational programs. I'm dedicated to doing everything I can to make a public education affordable."

The Senate will be debating their budget this week and, shortly thereafter, both chambers will have to come to an agreement on one budget proposal that will then be sent off to the Governor's desk.

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# Tallest swing ride in the world opens at Six Flags

By Gregory A. Scibelli

*Turley Publications Correspondent*

AGAWAM – Well, you may not see the curvature of the Earth, but it is one heck of a ride.

Last Thursday morning, the New England SkyScreamer was opened up for the media and some special guests at the annual Media Day held at Six Flags New England.

The SkyScreamer becomes the tallest ride of its kind in the world.

“This is a thrill-seeking ride that will allow you to see all the things that are beautiful in this area,” said Park President John Winkler. “You’ll be able to see as far as the Holyoke Mall and the beautiful mountains in the area, as well as lights in the city.”

The ride centers on a 400-foot tower and embraces the swing ride concept where riders sit in individual swings that are suspended from chains. The ride then carousels around the tower at 35 miles per hour. While it is circling, the swing is ascending 400 feet to the top of the tower.

From there, you can see miles away, as if you were at the top of a 40-story building, Winkler said.

“Riders will spin around and around as they reach speeds of 35 miles per hour,” Winkler said. “Guests can enjoy the breathtaking views of the Connecticut River located right alongside Six Flags.”

The ride was two years in the making and



Turley Publications photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

**The New England SkyScreamer, which seats 24, and ascends 400 feet, more than 40 stories in the air. It was opened last Thursday morning at Six Flags New England.**

was actually finished ahead of schedule, Public Relations Director Jen McGrath said.

“We had promised to have it ready in time for Memorial Day weekend,” she said. “That’s when the park opens up daily for the season. But they were able to have it finished ahead of schedule.”

Last weekend, the attraction was opened up to guests who have purchased a season pass for an exclusive opportunity to try out the ride. This weekend, the ride will be open for all guests of the park.

“We could not be more excited to open up for the season with this amazing new ride,”

said McGrath.

McGrath pointed out the 400-foot tower is adorned in red, white and blue.

“It pays great homage to our nation and people will be able to see it for miles,” said McGrath. “When you go on the ride, the views are spectacular.”

To kick off the ride’s opening, dignitaries from Agawam along with legislative representation attended a short ceremony. The ceremony included a couple of performances from the Agawam High School chorus and the New England Patriots cheerleading squad.

State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, was among several to get to try out the swing ride during its first few runs in the air.

After that, dozens of people lined up to try the ride. Some were students from Agawam High School, while others won the right to come to the opening of the ride through contests on Facebook.

A few of the other rides were opened to the special guests to the park and a cake commemorating the day was also served.

The ride is located on the north side of the park next to the classic Cyclone roller coaster.

Winkler and McGrath thanked the town’s planning and engineering departments for their cooperation in getting the permits approved for the new ride.

## River cleanup volunteers add beauty to spring

AGAWAM – Spring is a wonderful time to celebrate the beautiful natural heritage of our region and an even better time to step in and clean it up. The Westfield River Watershed Association (WRWA) is so fortunate to have the help of hard-working volunteers who pitch in each year and help clear away trash from the watershed.

On Sunday, April 27, twenty-one volunteers, including five Westfield State University students and members of the Agawam Conservation Commission, gathered at Pynchon Point for their cleanup assignments. These river-loving citizens hauled out 40 bags of trash, four tires, two computer monitors, two large pieces of Styrofoam, one tarp, one soggy blanket and a junction box.

In Westfield on the previous Saturday, 38 citizens showed up in the rain to help haul out debris from various locations along the river, including more than 20 volunteers from Lane Construction. Lane workers have been helping with the river cleanups for several years, and they even bring coffee for everyone.

They were joined by 10 dedicated students from Westfield State University and eight other caring residents who all got wet and muddy and still maintained good cheer and

energy as they cared for their river. From the cleanup sites in Westfield, Russell and Huntington, the volunteers retrieved 69 bags of trash, a large teddy bear, 22 tires, a female mannequin torso, a half television, as well as wood, metal and large plastic pieces.

WRWA will sponsor its fall river cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. WRWA provides work gloves and trash bags and tracks the amount of trash the volunteers pick up, pooling its numbers with other groups within the larger Connecticut River watershed. In 2013, more than 45 tons of trash was removed from the rivers and watershed lands within the Connecticut River watershed stretching from Vermont to Long Island Sound. The Westfield River flows into the Connecticut River, making it an important part of that larger watershed.

If you would like to receive email notices about the fall Westfield River cleanup and other WRWA events, send a note to westfieldriver1764@gmail.com with your name and town, and we’ll add you to the notification list.

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# Opinion

## Thank a nurse

It is said that one life touches many others.

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Every life saved or person restored to health is one family member, friend, co-worker and neighbor who is given back to the world, able to make their own positive impact.

National Nurses Week concluded Monday, May 12 – Florence Nightingale’s birthday.

The week was a time to recognize these healthcare professionals who make a difference every day. From small successes to lifesaving endeavors, nurses change the world one patient at a time.

This is a time to celebrate the nurses in the emergency room who make split second decisions that can change a person’s fate. It’s time to celebrate the school nurse who cares for every skinned knee that happens at recess and stays calm through a child’s allergic reaction.

It’s the time to recognize the nurses who work in research and manage patient care: those who are behind the scenes and often forgotten. It’s the time to thank every nurse who cared for a sick family member and held their hand to let them know they’d be OK, and to remember every nurse who offered a hug and who shared tears when it was time to say goodbye to a loved one.

Do you remember the name of every nurse who has touched your life?

They may not do their jobs for the recognition, but they deserve it last week, this month and every day.

Plan a celebration in your town to honor a nurse for years of service or commitment to the job.

Help children color a picture for or write a note to their school nurse, or to a family member who is a nurse, to say thank you. Have that child suggest that their classmates do the same.

If you or a family member uses the services of a nurse at home, remember to give them a card or small gift of gratitude.

There are 3.1 million registered nurses in the United States.

According to a congressional resolution, nurses represent the largest single component of the health care profession and when nurse staffing levels increase, the risk of patient complications and length of hospital stays decrease.

Many nurses are researchers who cover everything from clinical research to health systems and outcomes research to nursing education research.

Every day nurses make a difference in the lives of others.

Make a difference in a nurse’s life today and as often as possible by showing them their work is appreciated.



## Letters to the Editor

### Vets Council thanks volunteers

To the editor:

On Saturday, May 3, veteran graves were re-flagged with new flags at the Feeding Hills cemetery. Volunteers in attendance were Arielle Bryant, Silke Lanski, Jacop Lanski, Nikolas Lanski, Jakob Lanski, Chris Lanski, Frank Pignitare and myself. On Sunday, May 4, flags were placed on poles along Main Street. Volunteers in attendance were Arielle Bryant, Jakob Lanski, Fred Harpin, Frank Pignitare, Chris Sanchez, Ron Hamel, Bruce Sheehan, a DPW employee who donated his time to drive the truck, and myself.

I would like to thank everyone for their help. I would also like to thank Chris Golba and Chris Bonesteele of the DPW for the use of the truck. I would also like to thank Rich B'Shara for helping to replace the hardware on the flag pole in Feeding Hills cemetery.

**Aldo Mancini**  
Chairman, Agawam Veterans Council

### Support from local businesses appreciated

To the editor:

On Monday, May 5, the Agawam High School PTSO held an ice cream social to honor the AHS teachers on Teacher Appreciation Day. The PTSO reached out to local businesses, and without the donations and support from the Agawam business community, this event would not have been possible.

On behalf of the Agawam High School PTSO I would like to thank the following local companies for their generous donations: New England Uniforms, Kaptain Jimmy's, Valenti's, Giovanni's, Stellato Bros, Agawam Auto School, Casa Di Lisa, Hood's Ice Cream, Java Stop, Floral Concepts by Tom, Cooper's, Anne's Dry Cleaners, Stop & Shop and Phipp's Liquors. These donations showed a commitment to the community and recognized the importance of our teachers.

I would also like to thank Steve Lemanski, principal of Agawam High School, and PTSO members Sherry Ardolino Julianne Rossi and Garda Stasiak. Whether it was a donation of time or a raffle gift, this event could not have happened without your support and dedication

**Joelle Phillips**  
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# Distractology 101™ Tour coming to Agawam

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AGAWAM – Patricia Pryor Insurance Agency is proud to bring the state-of-the-art Distractology 101 tour to Agawam during the week of May 27-30. Distractology 101 is an interactive program developed by the Arbella Insurance Foundation to teach new drivers the dangers of distracted driving. The campaign features a 36-foot-long, neon-yellow mobile classroom outfitted with high-tech driving simulators designed to give new drivers the chance to experience the perils of distracted driving, including texting while driving.

More than 3,000 people are killed each year in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver and an estimated additional 421,000 are injured in crashes involving a distracted driver. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, around 660,000 drivers are using cell phones or manipulating electronic devices while driving at any given daylight moment across America. Sending or receiving a text takes a driver’s eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds – the equivalent of driving the length of an entire football field blind at 55 mph.

“Distracted driving is an epidemic that continues to worsen despite the public’s general awareness of its dangers,” said John Donohue, chairman, president and CEO of the Arbella Insurance Group, and chairman and president of the Arbella Insurance Foundation. “Distractology is an effective teaching tool because young drivers actually experience the feeling of a distracted driving crash scenario. They feel the shock of an unanticipated road hazard and the distress of a crash, but from the safety of the simulator. The simulation has a more lasting impact than reading about or watching a crash second-hand.”



To date, 7,000 new drivers, meaning those that have been licensed less than three years or have a learner’s permit have completed the Distractology 101 training. In 2012, 97 percent of students surveyed said the experience was effective or extremely effective, and 82 percent said they would recommend the experience to a friend.

“Since 2010, Distractology 101 has been teaching our communities’ young drivers to stay safe behind the wheel,” said Mark Lambert of Patricia Pryor Insurance Agency. “Just like the anti-drunk driving campaigns of the ‘80s and ‘90s, we hope that campaigns such as this one will make texting while driving as taboo as drinking and driving is today. We at Patricia Pryor Insurance are proud to host the Distractology tour for our teens in Agawam.”

The Distractology driving simulator, based on Arbella-funded research conducted with the University of Massachusetts at Amherst (UMass), will travel to various communities in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island during 2014, offering 45 minutes of simulated distracted driving to each participant.

During the driving simulator training, teens and other new drivers face a number of scenarios based on real-world examples, educating participants on how to anticipate hidden hazards, react to the road and avoid accidents. Participants also complete the online portion of the curriculum at [www.DistractU.com](http://www.DistractU.com) and make a safe-driving pledge in order to complete the training.

To sign up for the free Distractology 101 training, contact Pryor Insurance Agency at 413-786-1720.

## Seniors

### Agawam Senior Center

Weekly calendar of events

Monday, May 26: Memorial Day. Senior Center Closed. Senior Center bus in Memorial Day Parade leaves Center at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 27: S.H.I.N.E. Representative Available (by appt.); 9 a.m., Exercise, Knitting, Sewing, Shuffleboard (meet at St. John’s courts); 10 a.m., Computer Tech Club meets; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie (“The Book Thief”); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., Chorus; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

Wednesday, May 28: National Senior Fitness Day (Fitness Walk at 9 a.m. Meet in Dining Room); 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, Ballroom Lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 1 Meeting.

Thursday, May 29: 9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch, Last Open Art Class; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, May 30: No Tai Chi Today; 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art Class; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage, Annual Variety Show (\$5); 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

**Lunch menu**

Monday, May 26: Memorial Day. Senior Center Closed.

Tuesday, May 27: Sweet honey-glazed chicken, scalloped potatoes, peas, mixed fruit.

Wednesday, May 28: Kielbasa, pirogies, kapusta, pears.

Thursday, May 29: Roast turkey tetrazzini over egg noodles, mixed vegetables, watermelon.

Friday, May 30: Potato soup, tuna on whole-wheat, lettuce and tomato, pudding.

## Band-A-Thon organizers announce schedule of events

May 24 fundraising event to feature current AHS bands, band and color guard alumni, former band directors, memorabilia and music, music, music!

AGAWAM – The buzz going around town is not just the bumblebees of spring. Band-A-Thon, a major fundraiser planned by the Agawam High School Band Parents Association to benefit the Agawam High School Bands, has caught the attention of music lovers near and far. Signs are up, flyers are circulating and supporters of the AHS bands are eagerly anticipating the afternoon of music scheduled to take place at the Polish American Club located at 139 Southwick St. in Feeding Hills on Saturday, May 24, from noon until 6:00 pm.

Event chairperson Jodi Albertson is excited to announce the afternoon’s lineup, which includes current Agawam student musicians from the elementary level to the award-winning high school Wind Ensemble and Symphony Band, former band members, professional musicians, Agawam band memorabilia, and “a lot of fun.”

“This is going to be a great afternoon, ending with a performance by the alumni jazz band, consisting of some extremely talented musicians. I can hardly wait,” Albertson said.

**Band-A-Thon 2014 Schedule of Events**

Event begins at 12 p.m. and runs until 6 p.m.  
Lunch (included in ticket price) available between 1-4 p.m.  
Vendor Fair will run from 12-6 p.m.

12 p.m. – AHS combined current/alumni band (Marching & Concert)  
Combined current/alumni color guard  
Guest Conductors – former band directors  
Darcy Davis, Scott Thomson, Tammy Watson

1:30 p.m. – The Hemenways featuring Sam Einzig, AHS ‘11  
2:30 p.m. – From the band “Good Acoustics” Mike Smith, AHS ‘87 and Dave Fazio, AHS ‘89

3:15 p.m. – Raffle prizes  
3:30 p.m. – Blue Skies Big Band featuring Todd Connery, AHS ‘85

5 p.m. – 50/50 raffle  
5:15 p.m. – Alumni Jazz Band

Chris Hamel Productions featuring Chris Hamel, AHS ‘87. Chris will serve as Emcee/DJ for the entire afternoon, providing entertainment and information between all scheduled performers.

\*Additional performers times tbd  
\*Schedule is subject to change

Advance ticket purchases are recommended, but will also be available the day of the event. Donation amounts are \$15 per adult and \$10 per student, with a \$50 family cap. Children under five will be admitted free of charge. Ticket prices include a hamburger, hot dog, side salads and chips. Please contact Jodi Albertson at (413) 386-5291 or email [msjodia@aol.com](mailto:msjodia@aol.com) for tickets or more information. Agawam High School band alumni interested in playing with the alumni ensembles should contact Band-A-Thon music coordinator Todd Connery at [toddconnery06@gmail.com](mailto:toddconnery06@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

For up-to-date event and contact information, please visit “AHS Bandathon 2014” on Facebook or <http://agawambandathon.tumblr.com>.

## Weekly Newspaper Editor Sought

The Agawam Advertiser News, a weekly newspaper with an office in Feeding Hills, MA, is seeking a managing editor to handle day-to-day operations. The preferred candidate will possess strong management, organizational and people skills; editorial experience in news and feature reporting, including writing, editing, assigning, photography, and social media content; have the ability and willingness to represent the newspaper in the community through coverage of meetings/events and involvement in community activities.

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Relay For Life raises nearly \$90K

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those who lives were lost to cancer, hugged each other and cried together.

Most of all, they raised hope – hope that one day no one would ever have to face cancer. Money raised by the Relay’s 42 teams will be used to turn hope into reality.

Agawam businessman Jeff Sarat, the featured speaker at the opening ceremony, has been a Relay participant for 19 years. He’s been participating ever since his mother was diagnosed with colon cancer. She lost her battle in 2003 – right after her eighth Relay – but Sarat and his family continue her fight.

“We’ve just been keeping it going. We love doing it. I never want my children, my family, or my wife to hear the words, ‘You have cancer.’ That’s why I Relay,” said Sarat, general manager of his family’s Ford and Lincoln dealership. He added that he’s now among the caregivers helping his father-in-law, who suffers from several types of cancer.

‘Awesome’ Relay

An exhausted but happy Janine Iacolo, event chair, called this year’s Relay “awesome.” She said the Relay’s goal was reached just before the event started and was exceeded several hours later.

“To have this happen in only our third year is incredible,” she said. “I’m proud to be a part of a group of volunteers and dedicated Relayers who believe in the fight against cancer.” She was especially pleased that there were many new teams.

She said surpassing the goal means even more funds to support more services for survivors, patients and caregivers. “Being silent, or having pity, won’t win this fight. Only ac-

tion – like our Relay in Agawam – will help finish the fight.”

Iacolo said there are increasing numbers of people who are beating cancer. “This is encouraging because it brings us one step closer to a world with more birthdays,” she said.

Survivors honored

Agawam native Carla Rosati continues to fight back against cancer. Diagnosed with a cancerous sinus tumor in 1991, Rosati has been cancer-free for 22 years.

“I want to give back, fight back and give hope to others that cancer can be survivable,” said the Westfield resident who joined Team Jan’s Jokers for her first Relay.

Agawam resident Cecile Fragoso has survived thyroid cancer twice. Now 54, she joined Team Curves because fighting cancer is an important cause.” I want to provide support and camaraderie to others battling cancer,” she said.

Rosati and Fragoso were among 70 cancer survivors and caregivers honored during a reception and dinner at the Relay. They then helped other survivors – all wearing purple shirts with “Finish The Fight” printed on the front – kick off the event. They marched around the track for the first lap – the “Survivors Lap” – as other participants cheered them on. Survivors and caregivers walked the opposite way until they met in the middle of the track and embraced each other.

Another one of several emotional ceremonies was the Luminaria Ceremony held just after nightfall. As participants walked silently around the track – lit only by hundreds of white luminaria bags that honored loved ones who had cancer – more luminaria bags in the bleachers spelled out HOPE.



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Wearing rain gear and holding umbrellas, nearly 600 participants comprised of 42 teams were undeterred by the threat of rain at the 2014 Relay For Life of Agawam last weekend. The event raised nearly \$90,000 in the fight against cancer.



Courtney Barberi listens as Austin Thompson, a sales consult with Sarat Ford Lincoln, explains some features of the 2014 Lincoln MKX before taking a test drive at the Relay For Life of Agawam. Lincoln donated \$20 for every participant who took a test drive, raising nearly \$6,000 for the Relay.



Jennifer Ducharme, a Relay Specialist with the American Cancer Society, and Janine Iacolo, event chair for the Relay For Life of Agawam, were in high spirits as they led teams and volunteers around a flooded track at Agawam High School for the final lap of the 16-hour event.

Fighting cancer with test drives

In addition to walking around the AHS track, Relay teams held fundraisers throughout the night. One of the most popular didn’t cost participants any money, but raised nearly \$6,000.

On Friday night, participants test drove 2014 Lincoln models provided by Sarat Ford Lincoln. For every test drive, Lincoln donated \$20 as part of its Driven To Give program that helps dealers raise money for charitable causes in their communities. Sisters Courtney Barberi, of Agawam, and Daniele Gold, of Southwick, members of Team Rossi, took a spin in a Lincoln MKX crossover.


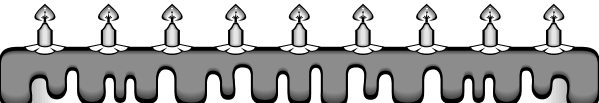
“This is a perfect example of a big company – Lincoln – doing something to help a smaller group like our Relay. It’s a good deal – I hope they come back next year,” said Barberi.

“It’s a pretty awesome way to draw people in for a good cause,” added Gold.

Jeff Sarat said the goal of the test drives was to raise money for the Relay, not to sell anyone a new car. “It worked out well. We started slow, but we picked up after the opening ceremony. We brought 20 cars and at one point there were only two – the rest were on test drives,” he said.

Just after midnight, skies opened up with torrential rain, flooding the track and forcing some activities to be cancelled. But when skies brightened Saturday morning, many teams were still there for the closing ceremony. They joined the Relay committee in maneuvering around the water for the final lap. Jennifer Ducharme, a Relay Specialist for the Society, said she admired Agawam’s passion for the Relay.

“It exceeded my expectations,” she said. “The turnout was impressive and the weather had no impact on attendance, which isn’t always the case with less than ideal weather. I was inspired to be a part of this remarkable event.”



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# Outstanding Agawam teachers honored for excellence

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for their personal use, an engraved plaque, a letter of commendation from Governor Deval Patrick, a three-month local YMCA membership as well as one to the Jewish Community Center and a grant for a graduate course at Bay Path College, Elms College, Westfield State University and Western New England University.

Winiarski, along with her four Agawam colleagues, Jennifer MacDonald, Nancy Miller, Arlene Willett and Tara Witte, were honored May 8 at a celebration dinner. They were selected from 27 teachers nominated for the award. Superintendent of Schools William Sapelli said it was a difficult process to select the final five teachers. “All of our nominated teachers are worthy of this award,” he said.

### MacDonald: Helping students learn a new language

Jennifer MacDonald, a 16-year veteran Agawam teacher, was “very humbled” when she learned she would receive the award.

“This award is significant to me as a teacher because it’s an award for which my colleagues nominated me,” said the Agawam Junior High School Spanish teacher. “I work with wonderful teachers and staff. I feel like I learn from them each day. To have them recognize me makes me feel even more blessed.”

MacDonald, who has been teaching Spanish to Agawam students since she started teaching in the district, said she loves the Spanish culture and language. “Teaching is a way to spread that love. The best part is watching the progression in my students from the beginning of the year until the end and how their language has evolved,” she said.

Also an advisor for a peer mediation group at the school and to the Rachel’s Table Teen Board, she said the best part of teaching is to see students give to others and be role models for each other. A Longmeadow resident, she plans to use the award money to buy a new computer to use for work.

### Miller: Making foreign language a cultural adventure

Nancy Miller became enthusiastic about foreign languages when she was a junior high and high school student. For the past 18 years, she has used her enthusiasm to teach Spanish and French at Agawam High School. Miller credits her own teachers for putting her on the path to a teaching career.

“I always loved school, and I had wonderful foreign language teachers who truly inspired me,” she said.

Before coming to Agawam, Miller had taught in Springfield at Cathedral High School and Chestnut Middle School. She also was an adjunct faculty member at Elms College.

“The best parts about working at AHS are the students and my colleagues. There is a sense of being a part of a community. I also love that every day in a foreign language classroom can be a cultural adventure,” she said.

Miller said she feels “honored” to be an award recipient. “This award is significant because it recognizes not only individual teachers, but also teachers in general for their dedication to students, to the school community, and to learning,” she said.

The Springfield resident plans to use the monetary award toward a trip to Quebec City or Puerto Rico for several days this summer

with her husband.

### Willett: Helping struggling young readers

Arlene Willett says the best “bonuses” she gets as a teacher are from her students.

An elementary reading teacher at Robinson Park School, she has taught in Agawam for 14 years. The former computer programmer returned to teaching – her first love – because she enjoys working with children.

“I love working with children and watching them grow as readers and learners. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing the tremendous progress early readers make in a short time,” said Willett.

One of her responsibilities is teaching Reading Recovery – a highly effective, one-on-one program designed to support struggling first-grade readers by tailoring instruction to the specific needs and interests of students. Willett said teachers receive “bonuses” each time a child masters a new concept and demonstrates their love of a new subject.

“Our intangible ‘bonuses’ – a hug, a huge smile, or a heartfelt drawing from a student – are why we love our jobs. It’s wonderful that the greater community recognizes all the passion teachers bring to their careers.”

The Suffield resident is still undecided about how she will spend the award money, which she called “a wonderful surprise.”

### Winiarski: guiding students through middle school

Before Dawn Winiarski became a guidance counselor, she worked in the health care profession helping people. But she soon realized that her calling was to be a school counselor. For the past six years, Winiarski has been doing just that at the Roberta G. Doering Middle School.

“I truly love connecting with students and helping them navigate the rough waters of middle school. My love is helping those in need and connecting families to much-needed resources,” she said.

Winiarski, who worked in Connecticut as a guidance counselor before coming to Agawam, said it was an honor to be chosen for the teaching award. “There are so many wonderful educators in this system and to be honored as one of them is remarkable,” she said.

She added that the recognition that comes with the award is significant because all educators work diligently behind the scenes to make sure they are doing the best for their students and families. “Receiving this award helps me see that even the small things I do don’t go unnoticed by my colleagues,” Winiarski said.

The Suffield resident said she plans to use the money to continue her education.

### Tara Witte: Teaching fulfills a lifelong desire

Agawam native Tara Witte credits her hometown teachers for sparking her desire to become a teacher. Witte began her career seven years ago teaching third-grade in Chicopee. She transferred to Agawam to teach fourth-grade at Robinson Park Elementary School last September.

Witte said the kindness, dedication and love for teaching she experienced as a student inspired her to become the teacher she is today. She recalled that when she was a second-grader at Phelps School, her teachers helped her through a difficult time when she suffered the untimely loss of her father.



Nancy Miller, a Spanish and French teacher at Agawam High School for the past 18 years, said she feels “honored” to be a 2014 Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award recipient.



Jennifer MacDonald, a 16-year veteran Agawam teacher who teaches Spanish at Agawam Junior High School, was “very humbled” to learn she would receive a 2014 Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award.



Tara Witte, a lifelong Agawam resident, is a first-year teacher at the Robinson Park Elementary School. The fourth-grade teacher said it’s “incredible” to receive the 2014 Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award from the district that built her education foundation.



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Dawn Winiarski, a guidance counselor at the Roberta G. Doering Middle School for the past six years, said it was “an honor” to be chosen for a 2014 Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award.

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# Business

## Roberts joins Insurance Center of New England

Insurance Center of New England, Inc., one of the largest locally-owned, independent insurance agencies in New England, announced that Matt Roberts of Enfield, Conn., has joined the company as a small business insurance agent.



Matt Roberts

Roberts, an Agawam native, will be working with local businesses to help provide them superior insurance coverage, offer advisement and help identify gaps in coverage. He will be based in the Agawam office.

Roberts comes to ICNE from The Hartford, where he was an AARP insurance sales agent. In that role, Roberts was a front-line underwriter of home and automobile insurance policies and consistently exceeded underwriting quality, cross-selling and overall monthly quota metrics. Roberts holds a bachelor of science degree in both business management and accounting from Lasell College.

## deVillier promoted at Easthampton Savings

Matthew S. Sosik, president and CEO of Easthampton Savings Bank, announced promotions at the recent Annual Meeting of the directors. Among those promoted was Susanne deVillier, of Feeding Hills, who was promoted to senior branch officer.



Susanne deVillier

deVillier joined Easthampton Savings Bank as a branch officer in Agawam in 2010. She had 15 years prior banking experience with TD Bank as retail banking officer, Hampden Bank as a branch manager and SIS Bank as a retail banking officer. deVillier has a Bachelor of Business Administration from American International College.

She is co-founder of The Down Resource Group of Western Massachusetts, is involved in Griffin's Friends for Children and Families, and is an active board member of the Blandford Ski Club. She is also involved in fundraising for various school programs.

## Council approves first reading of mixed-use zone change

### COUNCIL, from page 1

up the environmental hazards of the property and says he will follow all procedures and protocols to clean up the property.

"I like to have things look good," Petlock said. "I want to show this town what can be done with a building that no one wants."

Before Petlock spoke, a number of Agawam residents spoke in favor of the mixed-use zone. The zone would allow more business uses and the possibility of locating residences above businesses. It would provide more opportunities for the re-development of properties in the area.

Corrine Wingard told the city council the town would receive assistance from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to apply for a MassWorks Infrastructure grant of up to \$1 million to clean up the Games and Lanes property. However, the town must adopt the mixed-use zone in order to go for the grant.

"This is an ordinance of opportunity that is the first step for growth and improvement in the area," said Wingard.

Former city councilor Jill Messick also spoke supporting the business zone, saying it would not only help Walnut Street Extension, but could be used in other areas.

"It is something we could put in our 'zoning toolbox' and use in other parts of town," said Messick.

Every councilor commented on the ordinance proposal. Councilors Donald Rheault and Robert Rossi were the only ones to speak against the ordinance. Rossi said he did not believe the zone change would help the area and very little would change before Games and Lanes was cleaned up. Rossi's comments echoed his opinion the last time the ordinance was considered.

However, Rossi went back to the microphone and changed his vote after hearing from his fellow councilors and the overwhelming support of the crowd in attendance at the meeting.

"After hearing everyone speak and seeing their passion, I'm willing to go along with this," he said.

Council President Christopher Johnson and Councilor Gina Letellier both said they believe there is no downside to the proposal as it will provide new opportunities for existing and new businesses. Councilor James Cichetti pointed out that 16 businesses in the area have expressed their support for the new zone.

"These businesses are telling us they want this," said Cichetti. "We need to support the businesses."

The council will have the second reading of the ordinance at their June 2 meeting. If it receives eight votes, the zone change will be approved.

# Legal Notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
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Docket No.  
HD08P1167EP1  
Estate of: Joseph P. Losito  
Date of Death: 08/01/2007  
CITATION ON PETITION  
FOR REMOVAL**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition has been filed by: **Charles J. Losito** of Vista, CA requesting that **David J Losito** of Pacific Palisades, CA and **Joanne**

**Losito** of Agawam, MA be removed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 06/11/2014.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance

and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 13, 2014  
**Suzanne T Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
5/22/14

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
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Docket No. HD14C0075CA  
In the matter of: Sergiy Nikolayevich Sukhyna  
Of: Agawam, MA  
NOTICE OF PETITION  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by **Sergiy S Nikolayevich** requesting that: **Sergiy Nikolayevich Sukhyna** be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows: **Sergiy Nikolayevich Suheen**

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at: Springfield on or before ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 a.m.) on: 06/11/2014.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 14, 2014  
**Suzanne T Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
5/22/14

## Council will vote on FY '15 budget next month

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The mayor is proposing to raise \$54,022,124 by the property tax levy. Certified free cash in the amount of \$2 million is also included in the budget. The free cash use is being proposed to help lower the burden on the tax rate, the mayor says.

Included in the budget are 1 ½ percent raises for most town and school employees for the next fiscal year. The union contracts for most of the town unions were originally turned down by the city council. The contracts were re-submitted and the council approved them the second time after reconsideration and threats of legal action.

The union contracts propose 1 ½ percent salary increases for 2015 and 2016.

Compared to last year, the total budget is increasing approximately 3.77 percent. The

school budget will rise by 4.28 percent.

All council meetings and workshops are open to the public. The public hearing will allow residents to speak directly for or against the budget and deliver their input. Mayor Richard Cohen may also make a presentation on the budget. At the conclusion of the public hearing, it will be up to the council to discuss and approve the budget. The council can make some adjustments while it is being discussed.

At the May 19 meeting of the city council, Councilor Paul Cavallo, who heads the council's school budget sub-committee, said the committee recommended the school budget for approval by the full council with a unanimous 3-0 vote.

The public hearing will be held in the auditorium of Roberta Doering School.

# Public Safety

## FIRE LOG

*The Agawam Fire Department responded to 64 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week from May 13 to May 19*

On May 13 at 11:18 a.m., the department responded to 136 N. Westfield St. for carbon monoxide incident.

On May 13 at 1:54 p.m., the department responded to 224 Mill St. for unauthorized burning.

On May 13 at 5:24 p.m., the department responded to 48 Juniper Ridge Drive for CO detector activation due to malfunction.

On May 13 at 11:04 p.m., the department responded to 432 S. Westfield St. for unauthorized burning.

On May 14 at 7:50 a.m., the department responded to 40 Simpson Circle for arcing, shorted electrical equipment.

On May 14 at 9:28 a.m., the department responded to 183 School St. for public service.

On May 14 at 12:32 p.m., the department responded to 48 Clematis Road for lock-out.

On May 14 at 8:57 p.m., the department responded to 1172 Springfield St. for smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional.

On May 15 at 3:41 p.m., the department responded to S. End Bridge Circle Route 57 Rotary for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On May 15 at 8:37 p.m., the department responded to 63 Meadowbrook Manor for public service.

On May 16 at 2:43 p.m., the department responded to 24 Castle Hills Road to assist invalid.

On May 17 at 12:05 p.m., the department responded to 431 Springfield St. for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On May 17 at 12:09 p.m., the department responded to 421 Springfield St. for motor vehicle with injuries.

On May 17 at 5:12 p.m., the department responded to 67 S. West St. for dispatched and cancelled en route.

On May 17 at 6:29 p.m., the department responded to 162 S. Westfield St. for citizen complaint.

On May 17 at 7:52 p.m., the department responded to Bunker Hill Road for citizen complaint.

On May 17 at 8:32 p.m., the department responded to N. Westfield Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On May 18 at 9:43 a.m., the department responded to 76 Elm St. for CO detector activation due to malfunction.

On May 18 at 8:20 p.m., the department responded to 585 N. West St. for brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire

On May 18 at 10:26 p.m., the department responded to 868 Suffield St. for unintentional transmission of alarm, other.

On May 19 at 8:42 p.m., the department responded to 55 Cooper St. for fire, other.

*Editor's note: The Police Log for May 13-19 will run in the May 29 edition of the Agawam Advertiser News.*

### AGAWAM COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Community Preservation Committee (CPC) will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 7 p.m. The Committee will provide an overview of the financial performance of the CPA fund and will also be seeking input on goals, activities, procedures and spending The CPC is encouraging residents, town boards, committees and commissions to attend to discuss the needs and possibilities of projects that may qualify for Community Preservation Act funds.

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# In the Classroom

## McCarthy wins Lions Youth State Speech Competition

By Sarah Platanitis  
*Turley Publications Correspondent*

AGAWAM – Caitlin McCarthy, a graduating senior at Agawam High School, was announced the winner of the 2014 Massachusetts Lions Youth State Speech competition earlier this month.

McCarthy’s decision to take an elective public speaking class her sophomore year is what started a two-year journey that finished with her bringing the “Best In State” title back home to the Western Massachusetts Lions District 33-Y for the first time in 15 years.

“I needed another credit for my schedule and took the class with Mr. Dominic Costanzi out of random interest. Turns out that I really enjoyed the class and found that I was sort of talented at public speaking,” said McCarthy.

“Mr. Costanzi offered me the opportunity to participate in the Lions Club competition,” she continued. “This was a couple years ago, and I didn’t know much about it at all, but I just figured I’d go for it. I really liked it and didn’t think that I would reach the level that I did.”

Pamela T. Hodgkins, chairman of Lions Club youth speech competitions, encouraged McCarthy to keep writing her essays on the topics chosen for students competing statewide in 10th-, 11th-, and 12th-grade levels.

“And she did, she grew in her writing and public speaking styles,” said Hodgkins. “Caitlin presented her excellent memorized speech of nearly 10 minutes to a rapt audience. She was competing against four other students from the across the state, each student representing one of the five Lions Districts.”

McCarthy won this year’s Lions District 33-Y competition for all of Western Massachusetts held at UMass Amherst on Jan. 25,



Pictured, from the left, is Lions 33-Y District Governor Todd Cromack, “Best in State” winner Caitlin McCarthy, 2nd Vice President of Lions Clubs International Dr. J. Yamada, from Gifu, Japan, and Past District Governor Pam Hodgkins, District 33-Y Youth Speech Competition chairman.

qualifying her to represent District 33-Y at the State Finals held annually at the Lions State Convention, on May 3.

“After all her hard work and two years’ worth of competitions in three levels each year, I cried as she was announced ‘Best in State.’ What a huge accomplishment!” said Hodgkins.

The topic for this year’s speech was “How Do I Want To Be Remembered?” and McCarthy shared that it made her a little nervous.

“I’m an 18 year-old who barely knows who I am, never mind who I want to be remembered as,” she said. “Pam said that was the point, that they wanted to get us think-

ing about how we were going to leave our name here in our community and how we wanted to touch those people around us in the world.”

McCarthy pointed out how it seemed easy for students to talk about themselves and about specific memories or good deeds that that they had done to leave a good note, make someone laugh or do a favor for someone. Instead, the AHS senior took an alternative viewpoint on the topic by putting a realistic twist on it: she gave a speech about how she wanted everyone to learn from her mistakes.

“I didn’t want everyone to learn from me as this wonderful, cheery young lady, but as someone who lived life to its fullest experience, the bad as well as the good, and with hope that they could look back on my life and apply my lessons to theirs,” she said.

“Beating the extraordinary talent pool from the eastern part of the state was a major accomplishment here. We hope the high school and the school committee will recognize all of these players here for their extraordinary efforts,” wrote Beverly Tetreault, president of the Agawam Lions Club.

McCarthy, the daughter of Latin and Biology teachers, plans to attend Hampshire College in the fall. She is interested to study a variety of topics, including writing, sustainable agriculture and business. She is eager to see what doors may open for her after graduation in a few weeks.

“It’s an honor to represent Agawam and Western Mass. as a whole, especially seeing how proud and happy the Lions were. It was great because they were so happy to help me along the way,” said McCarthy. “In the end, it wasn’t about a scholarship; it was about the experience of having the courage to stand up in front of strangers and present a personal piece. To learn how to do that with something that you’ve worked really hard on is something that will stick with me forever.”

## AJWC announces Spelling Bee winners



**Spelling bee contest winners, from left, Jessica Reed, Haley Hinshaw, Julia Hall, Sarah Ross, Maxwell Felix and Adam Dabkowski proudly display their awards.**

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women’s Club (AJWC) held its Annual Town-Wide Spelling Bee for fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-graders on May 9 at the Roberta G. Doering School.

All final spellers were awarded certificates of participation. First-place winners were awarded \$50 cash, a ribbon and a Scrabble game. Second-place winners were awarded \$25 cash, a ribbon and a Scrabble game. All cash prizes were donated by Westfield Bank.

AJWC member, Donna M. Shibley once again moderated the event. The pronouncer was Kathy Mouneimneh, retired Agawam High School English teacher. Judges were Linda Sasso, retired Agawam High School Spanish teacher; Joanne Brown, retired

Agawam High School English teacher; and Theresa Ciarmatori, retired Agawam Junior High School English teacher.

Fourth-grade winners are Jessica Reed, room 16, Robinson Park Elementary School, first-place; Haley Hinshaw, room 10, James Clark Elementary School, second-place.

Fifth-grade winners from the Roberta G. Doering School are Julia Hall, room 213, first-place; Sarah Ross, room 105, second-place.

Sixth-grade winners from the Roberta G. Doering School are Maxwell Felix, room 315, first-place; Adam Dabkowski, room 311, second place.

The AJWC is a member of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of Massachusetts, Junior Membership.

## Preschool applications being accepted

The Agawam Early Childhood Center is accepting applications for both the morning and afternoon sessions the 2014-15 school year for 3- and 4-year-olds. The Agawam Early Childhood Center provides all students with a standards-based education that builds the foundation for all future learning with the Agawam Public Schools.

The center meets the needs of children

with and without disabilities and follows a developmentally appropriate curriculum where all children learn through play and hands-on activities.

For more information or to schedule a time to visit the program, call 821-0597 or visit [agawampublicschools.org](http://agawampublicschools.org) (select “Our School” and “Early Childhood Center”).

## Residents among Horace Smith Fund recipients

The Horace Smith Fund will hold its 115th Corporators’ Meeting and scholarship awards ceremony Thursday, June 5, at Western New England University for recipients, their parents and guidance counselors and corporators. Samalid Hogan, chair of the board of trustees, announced that this year there will be 31 scholarship and four fellowship recipients.

“Providing that students maintain at least a B average in college, each scholarship provides a total of \$10,000 over four years and each fellowship provides \$12,000 over three years,” she said. “Therefore, The Horace Smith Fund is happy to be able to grant a total award of \$358,000 to area students this year.”

Among this year’s scholarship recipients

are Agawam High School senior Molly Mittler and Lauren Booth, a graduate of AHS, now a student at The College of Saint Rose. Among the fellowship recipients is Nimish Shah, a graduate of AHS and now a student at Tufts University.

The scholarships and fellowships are named for Walter S. Barr, a West Springfield businessman, whose widow left the bulk of the family estate to The Horace Smith Fund in 1950. Recipients must be residents of Hampden County.

Students were selected on a variety of criteria, including test scores, class rank, extra-curricular activities, and a personal written account of why the student feels deserving of financial assistance.

## Can, bottle drive to benefit scouts

Boy Scout Troop 185 will host a can and bottle drive on Saturday, May 31 (rain date, June 7). Drop-off is in front of the Agawam First Baptist Church on Main Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will help defray the cost of campouts and other scout functions.

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The Agawam High School boys' lacrosse team and assisting volunteers multi-task.

# SUDS AND BUDS...



Tahiir Blair hoses down a car.

The Sacred Heart Church parking lot was a springtime hot spot on Saturday, May 17. The Agawam Garden Club held its annual plant sale while the Agawam High School boys' lacrosse team held a fundraising car wash.



John Fitzsimmons and Sue Morrie give a Corolla its final touches.

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Kimberly Hatch



From the left, Bev Follis, Ellen Janik and Denise Carmody select some plants for their gardens.



Cameron Fitzsimmons, left, and Matt Lockwood wipe a hood clean.



Agawam Garden Club members Ann Marie Foley, left, and Anne Henderson admire the plants.



Rosemary Kratovil browses.



The Agawam High School boys' lacrosse team and assisting volunteers work hard to polish up vehicles.



# SPORTS

## Cardaropoli blast propels Agawam

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam baseball team has had its share of ups and downs during the past three years.

Two years ago, the Brownies came off a great season but exited early in the playoffs. They then won the first three games of the regular season before losing 15 of the next 16 games and not qualifying for the tournament.

Last year, with the help of great pitching and an offense that could explode for long rallies, the Brownies mowed through the competition and made it all the way to the Western Massachusetts Division 1 championship game. They had a lead, but would eventually lose to Westfield, which has won two titles in a row.

Now this season, the Brownies have had all the makings of an excellent season, but have struggled on offense at times and pitching and defense has also seen struggles. To that end, Agawam is 2-17

for the season.

They had a 1-11 league record and will not be heading to the tournament this season.

In addition to some woes on the field, Agawam also struggled with health at times, losing leadoff hitter and centerfielder Joe Mercadante to an extended illness. Seamus Curran, the team’s power hitting first baseman already signed to attend the University of Rhode Island, was also lost to illness during the final two weeks of the season.

Curran is not scheduled to return

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Chris Gage tags out a runner at home plate.



Turley Publications photos by Gregory A. Scibelli  
Joe Cardaropoli saves a run with a great stop in the hole, then looks to throw to first.

## Brownies overcome Ludlow in four

By Tim Peterson  
Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW - Other than having to forfeit two matches for using an ineligible player at the beginning of the regular season, the Agawam boys volleyball team, who are the defending Division 1 state champions, haven’t lost a match in more than a year.

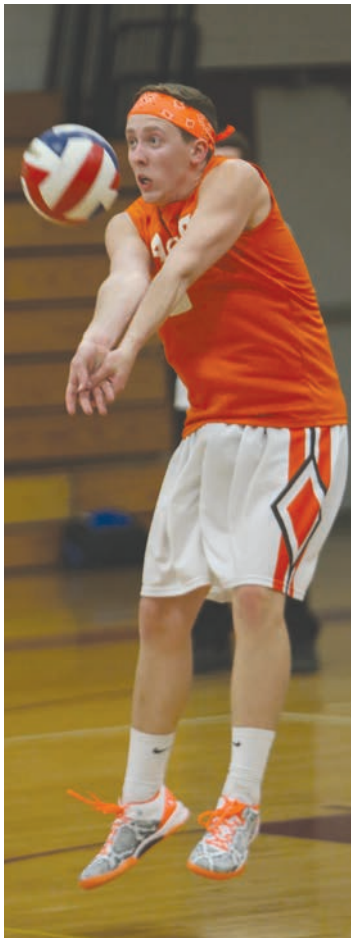
The Brownies, who posted 3-0 victories in their two forfeit matches against East Longmeadow and Sabis, spoiled Ludlow’s senior day with a hard fought 3-1 road victory last Tuesday afternoon, May 13.

“It’s a very good win for us heading into the playoffs,” said Agawam assistant coach Mike Rash. “We just have to stay focused, which has been a problem at times for us this season. When we’re focused, it’s a very tough to beat us.”

Agawam head coach Patricia Demers was at the match against Ludlow, but she was unavailable for comment following the match. She’s also planning on returning for her 17th season next year.

The game scores in the North Division match between Agawam and Ludlow were 25-15 (Agawam), 25-22 (Ludlow), 25-14 (Agawam) and 25-18 (Agawam).

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sweetdogphotos.com  
Agawam’s Aidan Pender (2) hits a bump shot.

## Lower bats rally to topple Amherst

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam softball team used the bottom of their order to pick up a 4-0 shutout victory over Amherst last Wednesday afternoon in their second-to-last home game of the regular season.

Agawam is looking strong at 15-3 this season, but still has a looming matchup against the team that is arguably the favorite to win the Western Massachusetts Division 1 championship this year, Westfield.

Agawam is scheduled to play Westfield on Friday afternoon at home in for Senior Day. Westfield is currently 18-0 and showing no signs of slowing down. The Brownies defeated Westfield in a 12-inning marathon last year in a pitchers dual that was very exciting.

Earlier this season, Westfield defeated Agawam 11-2. However, the Brownies have shown in the past they can handle Westfield strong pitching and sophomore Ali Wheeler has shown she can tame the Westfield lineup.

Agawam and Westfield could be the top seeds in the tournament this season.

Against Amherst, the Brownies got three of their four runs in the bottom of the second inning.

Mary Kate Reidy started out



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Becca Ushmann connects on a single.

the inning by hitting a single. Jess Lingenberg would follow by reaching on an error and then Katie Grasso singled in a run.

Wheeler came up and socked a double to drive two more runs to make it 3-0 Agawam.

In the third inning, Maria Moccio would single to start the inning

and Becca Ushmann would move her along to second with a base hit. Reidy would single home the fourth Agawam run and Agawam had two runners on with no outs. But three straight grounders to third base ended Agawam’s rally.

That was all the offense Agawam would have in the game.

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# Wheeler leading charge for Lady Brownies

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – When Ali Wheeler takes to the circle for the Agawam softball team, she is all business all the time.

It appears the Western Massachusetts Division 1 championship will come down to a battle of pitching, with Wheeler likely to compete against Longmeadow’s Jillian Stockley and Westfield’s Sarah McNerney for the title.

Wheeler outdueled McNerney in last year’s semifinals at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. The two could be headed for a rematch, possibly in this year’s finals. But don’t count out Stockley and the Lancers, who split their season series with Agawam this season.

Wheeler beat Stockley in last year’s finals. As a freshman, Wheeler bested Stockley as she allowed just one hit and struck out seven. Wheeler would get Agawam all the way to the state championship game, where she lost 1-0.

Coach Kathy Georgina says Wheeler’s best attribute is how composed she is on the mound and the fact that even though she’s younger, she has the ability to mix up her pitches.

Wheeler was originally set to split pitching time last season, but emerged as the ace

and pitched the majority of the regular season and all of the tournament for Agawam.

This season, Agawam has gotten away from their traditionally deeper pitching staffs with two or three available starters, and used Wheeler in every game. In fact, Wheeler has pitched every inning of every game so far. She mirrors Agawam’s 15-3 record. She only has losses against Westfield, Longmeadow, and Chicopee this year. She does have a victory over Longmeadow this season and a chance to exact revenge against the Bombers tomorrow afternoon.

Her statistics are excellent this year. She has 15 wins and has struck out 152 hitters. This year, she has struck out more than 10 in a game eight times. She has a 14-strikeout game against East Longmeadow and struck out a career-high 15 against Palmer in a six inning mercy-rule shortened victory. She only has 34 walks and has thrown 122 innings. She also has 18 complete games. Of her 15 wins, six have been shutouts, and seven more she has allowed two runs or less.

Complimenting her excellent pitching prowess, Wheeler is also a contributor at the plate. She has 16 hits this season and has driven in five runs from the bottom of the order. She hit one home run this year against Hampshire.

Now a sophomore, Wheeler is hoping to use her composure and help lead Agawam to another championship, their third straight, this season.



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Tantasqua’s Sam Muir tries to navigate through traffic after picking up the ball.

# Lescarbeau, Tran hold off Tantasqua

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – On Monday afternoon, the Agawam girls lacrosse team picked up their 10th win of the season and continued their path toward the Western Massachusetts Tournament as they defeated Tantasqua, 12-8, at Harmon A. Smith Field in Agawam.

Gabby Lescarbeau and Kristina Tran combined to make 22 saves in a very active day as the Warriors did not give Agawam much rest during the afternoon.

It was Senior Day for the Brownies, but it was the Warriors that spoiled the beginning of the game as they got the first goal of the game and got some momentum.

Agawam would tie the score with 21:13 left when senior Alexis Vecchiarelli scored the first of her five goals in the game all alone.

Taylor Farland then scored for Tantasqua to give the Warriors another lead as she connected for the second time with 18:45 left in the first half to make it 2-1 Tantasqua.

Agawam won the faceoff and attacked the goal with Christie Mirski feeding Vecchiarelli a pass to make it 2-2.

The Brownies would get the offense going from there. About 3:00 later, Vecchiarelli had the hat trick as she took a pass from Kel-

ly Theriault to give Agawam their first lead of the game 3-2.

Agawam would win the faceoff and attacked the goal again, with Katie Martin connecting the goal thanks to a good feed from Martin to make it 4-2.

The offense sputtered for several minutes before Agawam scored two goals in less than 10 seconds.

With 1:53 remaining in the half, Jackie Neilsen scored a goal. Theriault then scored 9 seconds later on a pass from Mirski. The Warriors would also score in the final 2:00 of the half and Agawam led 6-3.

Tantasqua struck first in the second half, cutting Agawam’s lead to 6-4, but Vecchiarelli came back with her fourth goal of the game to give the Brownies the three-goal cushion again.

Tanstasqua played hard and had opportunities to score, but Agawam was able to continue scoring enough to keep the game out of their reach.

For the game, Vecchiarelli finished with five goals and one assist. Martin finished with three goals, two of them in the second half. Mirski, Neilsen, Julie Serra, and Theriault all had one goal each. Mirski had three assists.

Agawam’s final game of the regular season was Tuesday at Westfield and the Brownies will await their seeding in the tournament.



Katie Martin sprints up the field with the ball.



Jackie Neilsen surveys the field for an open teammate.

# West Ham Academy to host soccer camp

CHICOPEE - The West Ham United North American Academy will be hosting an Elite Player ID Camp from June 6-8 in association with the Pioneer Valley Storm at 580 Meadow St.

The camp will be overseen by coaches from the world famous West Ham United Academy. It will consist of instruction and drills from the EPL that will engage, challenge and develop all participants.

Standout players will be awarded the

opportunity to be invited to our National Residential Camp. Outstanding players on a national level will then be invited to London, England, for a full Academy Experience.

The camp is for ages 8-18.

The cost is \$125 per player.

For more information including camp times or to register, go to westhamacademyinternational.com.

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before the final game and will be focusing on getting ready for summer baseball.

The Brownies picked up just their second win of the season last Monday afternoon when Joe Cardaropoli had a walk-off home run in the bottom of the seventh inning to bring the Brownies past Chicopee Comp.

Agawam would go on to lose three straight games, dropping a tough decision against Longmeadow 14-0 last Wednesday, then a close 1-0 game against Minnechaug last Thursday.

Against Minnechaug, Agawam found themselves on the receiving end of a 1-0 shutout against Minnechaug’s Nate Flor-

ence.

Florence was brilliant, as he only allowed two baserunners in the game, the other reaching on a walk. He struck out eight hitters. Nick Destefano would have the lone hit against the Falcons.

Destefano also pitched six excellent innings, allowing a run on four hits. He also walked four and struck out four.

The Brownies were scheduled to complete their regular season with a game Thursday at home against Chicopee.

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Pitcher Troy Gallerani pitches in the fourth inning.

# Polaski named Capitol One Academic All-Region

WATERBURY, Conn. – Junior Miranda Polaski, of Agawam, of the Post University women’s lacrosse team was named to the Capitol One Academic All-District First Team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) on Thursday.

Polaski boasts a 3.98 GPA and is currently working on a degree in Biology. She is the first member of the lacrosse team to ever earn the honor.

To be eligible for the award, student-athletes must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.30 or higher and be enrolled at the institution for more than two semesters. The award recognizes individuals for their combined performances athletically and in the classroom. By virtue of her selection, Polaski is eligible for Academic All-American status.

In April, Polaski was named Second Team All-CACC. This season she became the second player to score 100 goals in her career and is Post’s all-time leading goal scorer at 103 goals in her career. She finished the year as the team-leader in goals (42), assists (37), points (79), ground balls (70), caused turnovers (32), and draw controls (78). Polaski led the CACC and was top 15 in the NCAA in ground balls (second), assists (ninth), caused turnovers (10th), points (13th), and draw controls (15th).

Post had its best season in school history finishing with a 4-12 record including a 4-8 CACC record, good for third in the North Division.

For the latest on Post’s 19 varsity athletic programs, log on to PostEagles.com. Follow Post University Athletics on Twitter: @Go-PostEagles.



Agawam’s Bailey Cecchi (9) bends down for a set shot.

# Agawam Youth Football announces registration dates

AGAWAM - On Tuesday, May 27 from 6 to 8:30 p.m., the Agawam Youth Football Association will hold its registrations for the 2014 football season at the Roberta Doering Middle School cafeteria.

We are looking for players who will be in grades 3-8 in the fall of 2014. This is a great opportunity for youngsters to learn the fundamentals of the game and play football with players from area communities.

The fee to play is \$150 for one player. Two siblings would cost \$250. Any additional siblings will be \$100 each. All fees are due at signups.

All new players are required to bring a copy of their birth certificate. A birth certificate is not necessary for returning players.

Players are provided with all of the necessary equipment (except cleats) in August. Please have the player present so they can be measured for their equipment.

We are looking for parents of third-grade players to join our coaching staff, if interested please inquire at one of the signups.

There will be several Agawam Youth Football Association board members, coaches and players on hand to discuss our program and answer any questions. If you need more information please call David DeMatteo at 413-374-0975 or visit our website at [www.agawamyouthfootball.com](http://www.agawamyouthfootball.com)

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The Brownies, who completed the regular season with a 16-2 overall record, captured the North Division league title with a 10-0 mark.

“We do have a lot of experienced players on this year’s team and they’ve played the game together for a very long time,” said Rash, who did most of the coaching during the match. “We also practice very hard, especially on our defense every day. I thought Ludlow played very well defensively in this match today.”

The Brownies were led by senior Wade Robidoux, who finished with a match-high 14 kills, and six blocks.

“Wade played very well in this match today,” Rash added. “When he gets going in a game, it helps our other hitters. He jumps very high and it’s tough to block him.”

Agawam senior Bailey Cecchi finished the match with 12 kills, six digs, and six blocks. Senior Ben Cassidy also had 12 kills, three blocks, and three aces. Senior Zach Goggin was credited with 46 assists, five kills, and four blocks.

The Lions, who lost to the Brownies in the Western Mass. finals last June, finished the regular season with a 9-9 overall record. They also finished with a 2-8 league record. Both of their league wins came against rival Minnechaug.

Five of the six teams in the North Division qualified for the postseason tournament this year.

The five Ludlow seniors who were honored before the start of the match were Sean Fournier, Tyler Bastos, Nathan Turgeon, Tom Mullaney and Nick Potorski, who missed the 2014 season with an injury.

“They have improved a lot during the past couple of years and they also get along with each other very well,” said Ludlow head coach Fred Glanville “Sean, Tyler, and Tommy have been members of the team since they were freshman. All of them love playing volleyball and we’re really going to miss them next year.”

The Lions were led by Bastos with eight kills, 19 assists, and four digs. Junior Tristan Lage finished with four kills and five digs, while junior Kyle Puzzo added 18 digs.

One thing that the Ludlow seniors weren’t able to do during their high school careers was to beat Agawam. The last time that the Lions defeated the Brownies in a boys’ volleyball match was back in 2008. The Brownies won the first meeting of the season 3-0 at home on May 1st.

“It has been about six years since the last time that we beat Agawam and it’s a little bit frustrating,” Glanville added. “We’ve played several close matches during the past couple of years, but we haven’t been able to beat them. They’re a very good team.”

The opening game was tied 11-11 before the Brownies were able to pull away with the help of a 14-4 run.

The second game was also very close, but the Lions didn’t make very many mistakes, which helped tie the score at 1-1.

“I thought that we made some very good decisions in the second game,” Glanville said. “We only made seven errors in that game and they made 14. We were feeling pretty good at that point.”

The Brownies regrouped and they never trailed in the next two games.

The two teams could face each other for the third time this season during the postseason tournament.

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wam needed as Wheeler had another excellent outing and mowed down hitters with regularity. She did not allow very much, and racked up the strikeouts as she pitched another complete game shutout.

Wheeler went seven innings and allowed just three hits. She did not walk a batter and she ended with 11 strikeouts.

Reidy, Moccio, and Danielle Stratton all had two hits for the Brownies. Wheeler was 1-for-3 with two RBI.

Agawam suffered just their third loss of the season last Monday afternoon as they were defeated at Longmeadow, 6-3. Wheeler lost to talented Lancer pitcher Jillian Stockley. Wheeler scored a 2-1 win over Longmeadow earlier in the season.

Agawam played earlier this week against West Springfield and finishes the regular season Friday against Westfield and then await their seeding in the tournament.



Pitcher Ali Wheeler winds and fires against Amherst.



Agawam’s Jeffrey Leclerc (3) reaches high into the air to try and hammer the ball.



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Agawam’s Zachary Goggin (18) prepares to deliver a push shot.



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Jess Lingenberg goes after a ground ball in the gap.



SPORTS CALENDAR

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**‘EvvGirl’ event to benefit Baystate Children’s NICU**  
AGAWAM - The Second Annual EvvGirl Red Sox Bus Trip versus Tampa Bay is scheduled for Saturday, May 31. The bus will leave Agawam High School at 3:30 p.m. for the 7:15 p.m. game. Cost is \$100 per person, which includes the game ticket and bus ride. Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase webcams for Baystate Children’s NICU. For tickets, contact Todd Bard at 413-883-2031.

**Youth Fishing Day set for June 1**  
AGAWAM – The West Springfield Fish and Game Club, 329 Garden St., Feeding Hills, will host the third annual Bob “Who” Rennell Memorial Agawam Youth Fishing Day, Sunday, June 1 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open to all Agawam youth 16 and under as well as club members and their children, no fishing license is required for this event. Food and beverages will be available and there will be free raffles for the kids. Bait will be offered free of the charge at the clubhouse.

**Parks & Rec hosting Red Sox trips**  
AGAWAM - The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is running two trips to Fenway this summer. Registration has begun and will be taken on a first come first serve basis. For more information on these trips please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 413-821-0513. Boston Red Sox versus Chicago Cubs, Monday, June 30, Pavilion Box - Section 13. Cost is \$143 per person Boston Red Sox versus Houston Astros, Friday, Aug. 15, Section 26. Cost is \$104 per person. The bus will leave from the Agawam High School three hours before game time.

**Sacred Heart still looking for softball players**  
AGAWAM - Sacred Heart Athletic Association softball leagues are still excepting signups for the following age groups. U-14 NEYSA team, U-12 NEYSA team, Coach pitch league grades third, second and first. The cost for instructional coach pitch softball (first, second and third grades) is \$75 and NEYSA is \$100. Contact George at 374-2283 for more information or to register.

**Crestview Ladies League open to the public**  
AGAWAM - Crestview Country Club’s ParTee Ladies Golf League is preparing for another season of golf and is open to all women golfers, from the competitive to the “just for fun” golfer. There are a limited number of spots left. Cost is \$70 to join, which includes weekly prizes, special events and a final banquet, also with prizes and year-end gifts. For more information, contact Kay Soja by phone at 413-789-7901 or e-mail sojacatherine54@comcast.net.

**Owls to hold football clinic**  
WESTFIELD - The Westfield State University football program is hosting a clinic for players ages 13-18 on Aug. 6-8 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Alumni Field. The Westfield State coaching staff and current college players will provide instruction. The focus of the clinic will be on offensive and defensive fundamentals. The cost is \$50 per day or \$120 for all three days. There is a \$10 daily discount for registering before May 23. Contact Westfield State assistant football coach Vijay Saxena at vsaxena@westfield.ma.edu or 413-572-5420, for additional information or questions.

**Basketball camp at Westfield State**  
WESTFIELD - The Westfield State University basketball camp for boys and girls ages 7 to 15 years old will be held July 7-11. Contact women’s basketball head coach Andrea Bertini at 413-572-8105 or aber-tini@westfield.ma.edu for questions and additional information.

**Rugby players wanted**  
SPRINGFIELD - Athletes wanted to learn the sport of rugby for men’s, women’s and high school divisions. Springfield Rugby Football Club, founded in 1969, has fielded a men’s club to the sport of rugby. Springfield RFC is one of the country’s oldest clubs with a strong reputation within the New England Rugby Football Union (NERFU). The club is registered with NERFU, MYRO and USA RUGBY. In 2007, the club expanded membership to include women’s and High School (u19) boys and girls programs; adding the Rusty Muskets in 2010. The interest continues to grow for rugby and the club. Springfield RFC web site is www.springfieldrugbyclub.com.

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Tickets available for strawberry supper

The Agawam Congregational Church will hold its “famous” strawberry supper Saturday, June 14, with seatings at 4:45 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. The menu will include ham, homemade potato salad, coleslaw, homemade baked beans, fresh rolls, coffee and tea with homemade strawberry shortcake with freshly baked biscuits and real whipped cream. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets for children under 12 are \$5 each. They are available in the church office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until noon, at coffee hour, or by calling the church office at (413) 786-7111.

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15. Maple genus  
16. Shabby (slang)  
17. Chopping tool  
18. Shakespeare's epithet  
19. Regain  
21. Mega-electron volts  
22. Unhappy mood  
23. NY pharmacy  
25. Metrical foot  
26. 1950's Nash automobile  
31. Digits  
33. Affectional  
34. Engine additive  
35. Any small tubular structure  
36. Lifted something heavy

CLUES DOWN

1. Henry's last wife  
2. Wings  
3. College army  
4. Myth (Spanish)  
5. Hungarian word for mum  
6. Old World lizard genus  
7. Dinner jackets  
8. Last possible moment  
9. Jewish spiritual leaders  
10. Central Florida city  
11. Any watery animal fluid  
12. 198 L Egyptian dry measure unit  
20. Prophylactic  
24. Before  
26. Drench  
27. \_\_\_\_ River  
28. Disorderly crowd  
29. Heat unit  
30. Medieval capital of Flanders

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41. Liquefied natural gas  
43. \_\_\_\_ of Avila, Saint  
44. 2nd Greek letter  
45. Assumed the existence of  
46. Actress Rooney  
49. Claudio \_\_, Chilean pianist  
51. Turkish leader titles  
52. Don't know when yet  
53. Rectangular groove joint  
59. Mythological birds  
60. Type or kind  
61. White bear  
62. Native American group  
63. V  
64. Author Walker  
65. Back talk  
66. Doctor of Education  
67. Jazz trumpeter Malik

CLUES DOWN

32. Fencing swords  
37. Weekday (abbr.)  
38. Vietnamese offensive  
39. Point midway between E and SE  
40. Father  
42. Disjointed  
43. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)  
44. Lowest male singing voices  
46. Jacobs, Ribot & Gasol  
47. Athens' marketplace  
48. Contests  
50. Gathered fall leaves  
54. Three banded armadillo  
55. A cord necktie  
56. Spot on a radar screen  
57. Components considered individually  
58. Elm, maple or oak

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OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote “free” events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com), fax to 786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

## Friday, May 23

ANOTHER ORIGINAL STEVE HENDERSON PRODUCTION comes to life on the Agawam Senior Center stage on Friday, May 23, at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. A Hometown Gallery is narrated by a painter and his paintings. Each character comes to life explaining their life story. Cost is \$5. The Senior Center is located at 954 Main St.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will hold a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. at the Agawam Fire Department, 800 Main St. Donors have the chance to win two Boston Red Sox tickets and to be honored at Fenway Park as the “Blood Donor of the Game!” To make an appointment, call (800) 733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

FITNESS FIRST HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a blood drive sponsored by Mercy Medical Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A driver’s license with photo or state identification with photo is required. All donors should eat at least two to three hours prior to donating, weigh at least 110 pounds and must be 18 years or older. To make an appointment, call (413) 786-1460.

## Saturday, May 24

A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC – THE BAND-A-THON will take place from noon to 6 p.m. at the Polish American Club located at 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, and will feature current Agawam music and band students from elementary level to the award-winning AHS Wind Ensemble and Symphony Band. For tickets, contact Jodi Algerston at (413) 386-5291 or [msjodia@aol.com](mailto:msjodia@aol.com). For more information, visit [agawambandathon.tumblr.com](http://agawambandathon.tumblr.com).

## Sunday, May 25

A FREE BREAKFAST ON THE LAWN is offered every Sunday at 9 a.m. at Hope Community Church located at 152 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Everyone is welcome on the “hill” for a good breakfast and good fellowship. For more information, call (413) 786-2445 or email [office@hope-churchagawam.org](mailto:office@hope-churchagawam.org).

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a “mini tour” at 1 p.m., led by Dave Carlson, Quadrangle grounds, highlighting “Architecture in and Around the Quad.” The tour is free with museum admission and secure, free onsite parking is available.

## Monday, May 26

THE AGAWAM MEMORIAL DAY PARADE will begin at town hall on Main Street at 10:30 a.m. and will continue down Main Street to Veterans’ Green with a ceremony to follow. The assembly point is the Roberta G. Doering School.

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL AND FIREHOUSE MUSEUM, 35 Elm St., Agawam, will be open on Monday, May 26, from noon to 3 p.m. Now featuring our new

exhibit: Riverside Park – A Century as the Playground of the Connecticut Valley. Stop in to visit after the parade!  
[www.agawamhistoricalassociation.org](http://www.agawamhistoricalassociation.org).

## Tuesday, May 27

ADULT DROP-IN YOGA is offered at the Agawam Public Library at 7 p.m. It is a beginner’s class and open to adults 18 and over. Bring a yoga mat or blanket. No registration needed.

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie (“The Book Thief”) at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration needed.

## Thursday, May 29

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present “Living Steampunk” featuring Bruce Rosenbaum, at 12:15 p.m. in the Museum of Fine Arts, 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

## UPCOMING AND ONGOING

THE SIXTH ANNUAL “LACE ‘EM UP FOR LEXI” 5K RUN/WALK will be held Saturday, May 31, at the Agawam Junior High School in memory of Lexi Jagodowski to benefit Griffin’s Friends Children’s Cancer Fund. There will be a bounce house, music and post race refreshments. Applications and information are available at [www.Lexi96.org](http://www.Lexi96.org) and at the Agawam Public Library.

A CARD AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW will be held Sunday, June 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission is \$1; kids under 10 are free. There will be over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes, and the club is handicap-accessible. For more information, call (413) 593-6046.

THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB will host its third Annual Spring Festival, Saturday, June 7, at the Polish American Club, 130 Southwick St., Feeding Hills. Special guest will be Gary Landgren on the “honky tonk piano” at 1 p.m. Events will include live music, food, crafts and vendors and children’s activities.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND THE MEN’S SINGING SECTION of the Springfield Turnverein, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host “German Night,” Saturday, June 7. Tickets are \$15 per person and include dinner and dancing. Reservations are required by June 4 and may be made by calling Wilma Gillan at (413) 786-4671.


A WORLD CUP CELEBRATION will be held Saturday, June 7, at McDonald’s located at 2392 Main St., Springfield. Ronald McDonald will greet event attendees along with Univision’s Vianey Arana, who will sign autographs and pose for photos with viewers. There will be World Cup giveaways (no purchase required).

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND, which is open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m., will have the 2013 Boston Red Sox World Series Trophy on display Saturday, June 7, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit [www.holyokemerrygoround.com](http://www.holyokemerrygoround.com).

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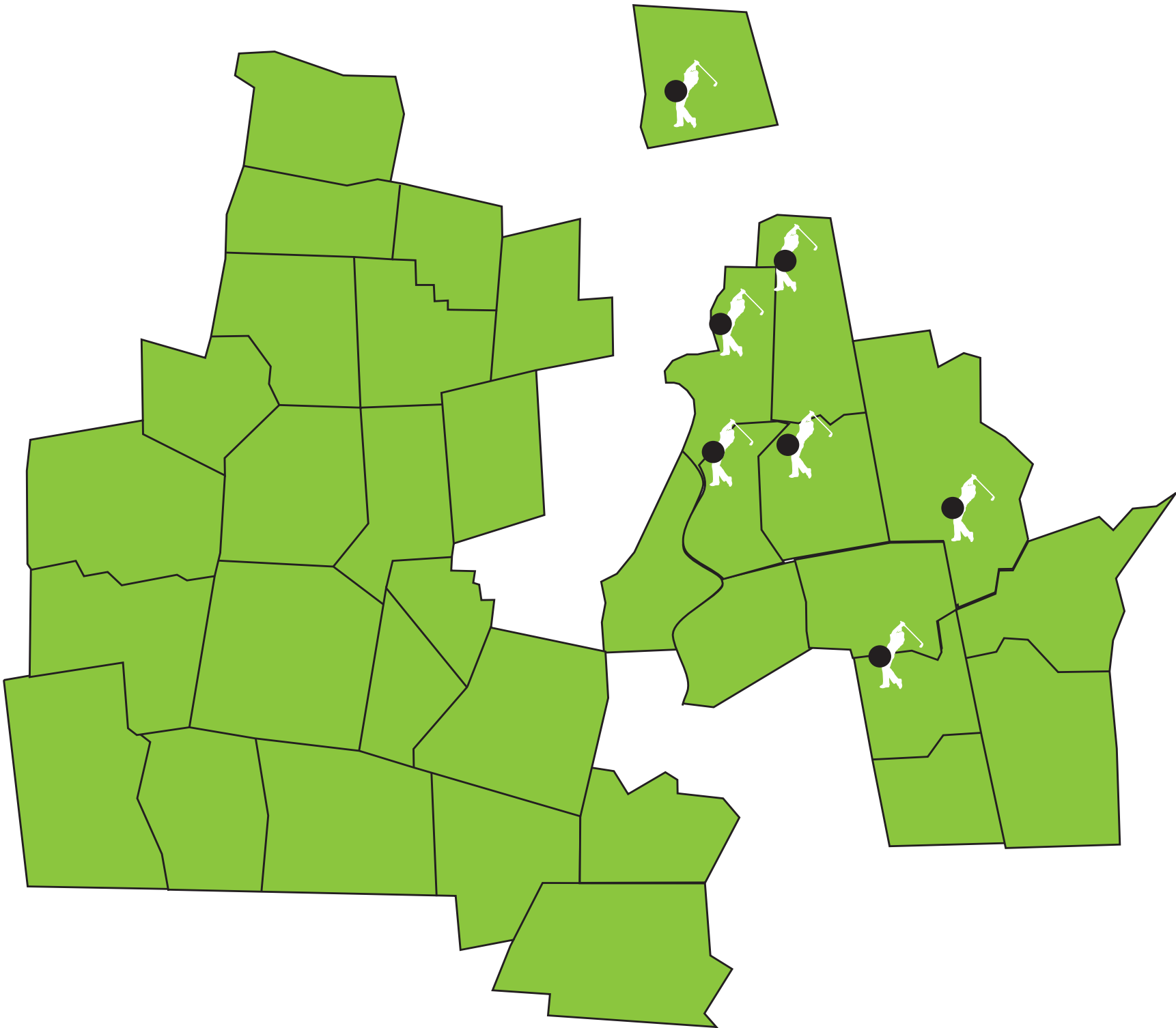


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